(xi) Financial assistance is provided from Raksha Mantri's Siscretionary fund to old and infirm ex-Servicemen and their widows in indigent circumstances.

(xii) 238 Sainik Bhawans/Rest Houses spread all over the country have been established for ex-Servicemen.

2. In addition, various State Governments are also providing a number of facilities/concession to ex-Servicemen.

[English]

Bye-Pass on N.H. No.31

1361. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of work completed till date in respect of construction of Falataka to Pundibari Bye-pass road on National Highway No. 31 and bridge on river Torsha; and

(b) the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) The progress of Falakata-Pundibari Bypass Road on National Highway No.31 and bridge on river Torsha as on 31.3.96 is as follows :-

Bypass Road	.....	40%
Torsha Bridge	.....	45%

The target date of completion is March, 1998.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala

1362. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :
SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal for setting up of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala during 1996-97 academic year;

(b) the number of Kenriya Vidyalayas to be sanctioned during 1996-97;

(c) the places identified for setting up of such Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(d) the time schedule if any, for completion of the job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). No, Kendriya Vidyalaya has been sanctioned during 1996-97 in Kerala.

ASI Museum

1363. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is not a single site museum of ASI in the North & Eastern States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any indepth survey/excavations were under-taken at places like Pragjyotishpur (Guwahati) and Sibsagar in the recent past;

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to do so; and

(e) the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is no site museum of ASI in the North-Eastern States.

(b) ASI establishes site museums where large scale excavations are conducted and good amount of antiquities are found. These relics are preserved alongwith the excavated remains near the site.

(c) The Department of Archaeology, Government of Assam, have conducted excavation at Ambari in Guwahati in recent past. The excavations have revealed ancient settlements having structures and historical antiguities. In Sibsagar explorations have been conducted by the State Department of Archaeology in the recent post.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Allocation for Roads

1364. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of funds for road network in the country has been on decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the Eight Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance allocation for road network in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). The Central Government is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The roads, other than National Highways, fall within the jurisdiction of respective State Governments. As regards National Highways, the allocation of funds for development as a